THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Court proceedings were underway in respect of the militants released in connection with the hijacking.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Drug Market

638. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi is emerging as an active player in the drug market;

(b) if so, whether Delhi is becoming large home-grown network dealing in narcotics; and

(c) whether a few seizures of narcotics from farm houses around Delhi and terrorist links too?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The disclosures made by the arrested persons indicate that Delhi is in some cases being used as a transit route to smuggle drugs into foreign countries.

(b) and (c) The drugs are mostly smuggled into Delhi from some of the neighbouring countries for onward transmission to other foreign countries. There was since last one year only one case in which the drugs recovered from a farm house had terrorist links.

Re-Rendering the National Anthem

639. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some music composers are planning to re-render the National Anthem for the new millennium;

(b) if so, whether Government have given its approval for the re-rendering; and

(c) what are the factors«*necessitating the re-rendering of the National Anthem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Government has not received any proposal from music composers about their plan to re-render the National Anthem for the new millennium.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Porous Indo-Nepal Border

640. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 796 Kms. UP-Nepal border is extremely prone and susceptible to infiltration; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to adequately equip Indo-Nepal border force to act as an effective watch dog for the border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Indo-Nepal border has historically been an open border with a visa- free regime. In recent years, this border has been misused by Pakistan agencies for sponsoring terrorist activities directed against India. In view of these developments, cooperation between Government of India and His Majesty's Government of Nepal in combating such activities has been strengthened through institutional mechanisms, such as Indo-Nepal Joint Working Gro,up on Border Management and Home Secretary level talks. As a result of this cooperation several terrorist conspiracies sponsored by under-cover intelligence operatives of Pakistan based in its Embassy in Kathmandu have been neutralised in recent years. Government of India has also prepared an Action plan in consultation with concerned States for strengthening of policing/intelligence collection machinery along the border, including patrolling of vulnerable streches.

White Paper on CIA Activity

641. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to issue a white paper on CIA activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for delay in this regard?